

This **Comment** on the West Coast Governors' Agreement web site is from:
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Regarding Topic Areas:

Ocean awareness and understanding

Comment/Suggestion:

I would like to offer the expertise and services of the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE) to lead or contribute to the development of a strategic plan for coordinating and increasing ocean sciences education and awareness efforts on the West Coast. The National Science Foundation has funded a national network of 10 Centers to Spark and nurture collaborations among scientists and educators to advance ocean discovery and make known the vital role of the ocean in our lives. Please see www.cosee.net or www.coseeca.net. There are currently 3 Centers on the west coast COSEE California (UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science and Scripps Institution of Oceanography), COSEE West (UCLA and USC), and COSEE Ocean Learning Communities (University of Washington). The National COSEE Network has led the Ocean Literacy Campaign and the development of the pamphlet, Ocean Literacy The Essential Principles of Ocean Sciences for Grades K-12. COSEE has since 2002 established a ric

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